

U. S. Department of Justice

(MATERIAL MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM OR ADDED TO THIS FILE)

FEDERAL BUREAU

Declassification authority
derived from FBI Automatic
Declassification Guide,
dated May 24, 2007

Screened by WARA (RD-F)
10-11-2013 EODL = 81886
DOCID: 34260646

of

INVESTIGATION

Bureau File Number

DO NOT DESTROY - 1972-1086859
PENDING LITIGATION 157-10738-27

See also Nos.

CLASSIFICATION NO.

157-10738

157-10738

Serials

Volume Number



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

March 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS TO BE RE-
QUESTED OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
MISSISSIPPI
RACIAL MATTERS

STUDENT AGITATION AGAINST A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Chief of campus police, Burnes Tatum, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi advised on March 5, 1969 that he was in possession of a leaflet, which was one of many leaflets distributed on campus on the night of March 4, 1969. He advised that these leaflets were posted on a bulletin board and were passed in the Student Union Building.

Chief Tatum furnished a copy of the leaflet, which is both in printed and typewritten form and apparently mimeographed, as follows:

"T H E T I M E
I S
N O W !

STUDENT INTEREST IS RISING HERE

Student rights, women's rights, compulsory ROTC, racial attitudes are all issues that are receiving rising interest and generating tensions. The only clear way to do what we as students feel is necessary and to avoid chaos is for all interested students to get together now and begin.

- 11- Bureau
- 1- USA, Jackson, Miss.
- 1- USA, Oxford, Miss.
- 1- OSI
- 1- Secret Service, Jackson

2- MICE
4- Jackson
ROC/hms
(21) *hms*

(2-157-NEW) (1-157-399) (1-157-4-SF1)

157-10738-1
Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

Cotton

MEETING OF STUDENTS TO DISCUSS
APPROPRIATE DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY
OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI,
MARCH 5, 1969

The Student Coalition Is
Sponsoring A Discussion Of
Student Problems:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5,
GRADUATE AUDITORIUM

-3:30-"

Chief Tatum advised that he has learned that the following individuals, all students, are responsible for the attempt to have students meet at 3:30 PM at the Graduate Auditorium.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Race and Sex</u>
David Alan Sansing	Negro male
Charles W. McEwen	Negro male
David C. Parish	White male
Peter J. Fox	White male

Chief Tatum advised that it was his intention to attend the meeting at 3:30 PM at the Graduate Auditorium to determine the nature of the meeting.

Chief Tatum subsequently advised on March 5, 1969 that he did attend the meeting, and stated there were thirty-three individuals present, eleven of which were Negroes, and all appeared to be University of Mississippi students. He advised that David C. Parish led the meeting and discussed the fact that students should demand the following:

- 1) Additional black teachers.
- 2) Removal of curfew hours for all students, as well as any regulations concerning dress.
- 3) Improve food service at cafeteria.
- 4) Allow legal beer and whiskey on campus.

MEETING OF STUDENTS TO DISCUSS
APPROPRIATE DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY
OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI,
MARCH 5, 1969

- 5) Eliminate compulsory Reserve Officers Training Corps.
- 6) Remove requirement that students must live on campus.
- 7) Opposed to the regulations at the library, where librarians must furnish some books from certain areas, and students wanted free access to entire library at all times.

Chief Tatum advised that during the meeting, Parish mentioned that possibly in about two weeks, he would attempt to have a group sit-in at the Reserve Officers Training Corps drill field on campus in protest to the compulsory Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Chief Tatum advised that he did not anticipate any problem in this regard, and pointed out that of the approximately seven thousand students at the University of Mississippi, apparently only thirty-three were interested in this type of activity.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

3*

MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
AT UM, OXFORD, MISS.
(Title)

(File No.) 157-10738-1A

1. 4/22/69 Leaflet left at Coliseum, 4/18/69

Disposition.



157-10738-1A

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
APR 22 1969	
FBI—JACKSON	

[Handwritten signature]

File No. 157-10738-1A1
Date Received 4-18-69
From Chief Brian Tatum
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Campana PD
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)
Unsub
(CITY AND STATE)
By Robin O. Cotton
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes
☒ No

Receipt given ☐ Yes
☐ No

Description:

1 - leaflet left at
Coliseum 4-18-69

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENTS

FREE

PUPPET

SHOW!

FEATURING:

PORTER LEE THE PUPPET

WITH: GEORGE STREET

AND M. M. ROBERTS

AS OPERATORS

11:00 AM APRIL 18
AT THE COLISEUM

FBI

Date: 3/7/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-New) (P)

MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS TO BE
REQUESTED OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MIS-
SISSIPPI
STAG
RM

Enclosed herewith are eleven copies of an
LHM, one copy each being submitted to USA, Jackson,
Miss., USA Oxford, Miss., OSI and Secret Service,
Jackson; two copies to MIGp.

This matter being followed and Bureau will be
kept advised.

3- Bureau (Enc 11)
4- Jackson
(1--157-399)
(1--157-4-SF1)

ROC/bms
(7) bms

157-10738-2
Searched _____
Serialized _____
Indexed _____
Filed _____

NEW CASE CREDIT GIVEN

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

OLE MISS PREXY STATES POLICY

Healthy Academic Clime Respects Others' Rights

In a recent prepared statement issued by the Office of the Chancellor, Dr. Porter L. Fortune, Jr. and published in the Daily Mississippian, campus newspaper at the University of Mississippi, a statement of policy for the university was related. It said:

"Recent activities and discussions by a few students which have been certainly less than courteous and which have included statements to the effect that some individuals would like to 'see the University in charred embers' make it seem wise now for me to restate the unequivocal position of the University which was made by me almost a year ago and which continues to serve as the guideline under which the University will continue to conduct its affairs. That position is, as stated on April 16, 1968:

"If for no other reason, I want to speak out so that no member of our academic community will act in IGNORANCE of what conduct is expected of him.

"The business of this University is the formal education of young men and women. The teaching and learning which go on in our lecture rooms, laboratories, and the libraries—in the faculty offices where lectures are prepared, in the rooms where students study—THAT is what the University is here for. THAT is what the citizens of Mississippi pay their taxes to support. THAT is the service that you and your parents have

paid fees for, and THAT is what the givers of your scholarship for.

funds have donated their money "Education—the kind of education which only a university can give—is the purpose of this institution, and whatever interferes with that purpose of this institution, and whatever interferes with that purpose is working against the good of all of us. Certainly it is true that one gets more here than formal education; but this education is our primary mission, and it is not to be subordinated to anything else.

"It is perfectly obvious that higher education cannot exist without a physical plant, without a faculty, or without students—but neither can the process of education be carried on effectively without conditions conducive to learning: reasonable peace and quiet, the orderly ongoing of life on the campus, the absence of tension and fear.

"This wholesome 'academic climate' begins with each individual's respect for the rights of others. I mean more than one's narrowly defined legal rights. I mean respect for the dignity of each fellow human being. I mean the common courtesies of life which we each expect from others. Disorder and disruption begin when these courtesies are disregarded. Let me say clearly and emphatically that if there is anyone here—faculty or student, man or woman, Greek or Independent, black or white—

who is unwilling to respect the human dignity of any of his fellow human beings, then he doesn't belong on the campus. He is not welcome here. He is an enemy to the good name of the University.

"Let me say further that if there is anyone here who out of sheer perversity or a sick love of mischief would foment disorder on the campus in these troubled times, then that person too is an enemy to all for which we stand and HE does not belong on this campus.

"On any university campus there are many groups which are organized for various purposes and which seek to achieve varying goals. Many of these work to bring about some change. I think this is good. A university is an instrument of change through its very character as an educational institution. But a university is not to be used TO ITS OWN DETRIMENT as a tool, or a catspaw, by any group to promote its own end, whether that end be a change to something new, or reaction, or merely the maintenance of the status quo.

"If we have any organization or group here which considers its program paramount to the good of the University and is ready to disrupt the functioning of the University to achieve its own private goals, then that group does not belong on this campus.

"A university is a complex collection of many, many different things, but some one indi-

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 11

Jackson Daily News

Jackson, Miss.

Date: March 17, 1969

Edition: Home

Author:

Editor: James M. Ward

Title: Meeting to Discuss Demands to be Requested of School Admin., Univ. of Miss., Oxford, Miss.

Classification: 157-10738

Submitting Office: Jackson

☐ Being Investigated

157-10738-3

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 18 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	

#4

COPY SENT PITREAU

Cotten

vidual must speak for it; and in our own institution that person is the Chancellor. As your Chancellor, I want to make it clear that I am determined to do everything in my power to maintain the academic integrity of the University of Mississippi. In this determination I have the support of the Board of Trustees, of the other administrative officers of the University, and what I have every reason to believe is the overwhelming majority of the faculty and student body.

"Perhaps, then, there has been no need for me to speak to you as I am speaking today. Certainly it is my hope and my belief that nothing is required BEYOND our gathering here today to assure that we can now set about our academic business without any difficulties. But I would be derelict in my duty if I did not add this statement. If we CANNOT maintain orderly conduct on the campus with our own resources, we have had made available to us—and we will not hesitate to bring in—whatever outside assistance may be necessary.

"I solicit the continuing support of every member of the University community to refrain from countenancing any disturbance or disorder on the campus even by his or her presence at the scene of such disturbance or disorder. I know that the vast majority of students, faculty, and staff have legitimate academic goals, and I am dedicated to the proposition that those goals shall be pursued in a climate which is free of coerciveness, intimidation, fear, and disruptive activities. Toward that end I invite the thoughtful cooperation of all people of good will."

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

PRESIDENT DEMANDS

Black Student Union Approaches Fortune

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Jr. revealed Friday the University of Mississippi is considering a list of demands made by the school's Black Student Union.

Fortune said a delegation of Negro students presented the demands at a meeting in his office last week. He said the administration did not plan to make public the nature of the demands.

However, informed sources told the Associated Press the list included the hiring of Negro professors, the establishment of courses in Negro history, desegregation of the University's athletic program, the hiring of Negro dormitory counselors and the addition of Negroes to the University staff.

In a telephone interview from Oxford, the Chancellor denied there was any organization on campus officially recognized as the Black Student Union. However, of the over 100 Negro full-time and part-time students attending the University, between 70 and 80 claim to be members of the organization.

The Black Student Union was organized 11 months ago on the Oxford campus for the purpose of providing communications among the school's Negro students, providing a forum for programs of interest to Negro students and allowing them to gather periodically.

"After all, there really aren't too many places a Negro student can go in Oxford," one member said.

The organization initially was controlled by Negro graduate and law students. However, in recent months more control has been passed to undergraduates, with the older students acting in an advisory capacity.

A five-member advisory panel composed primarily of law students serves the black student union as a guidance and policy-making body.

A spokesman said the major cause of ill feelings among the organization's membership is the administration's refusal to recognize them.

"It's not so much whether or not they meet all of our demands, but the administration is trying to pretend we don't exist. They won't even talk with us," he said.

The union says it does not presently plan any type of militant acts or disruptions of campus activities.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 4

The Clarion Ledger

Jackson, Miss.

Date: March 15, 1969

Edition: Home

Author:

Editor: T.M. Hederman

Title: University of Mississippi

COPY SENT BUREAU

Character:

or

Classification: 157-10738

Submitting Office: Jackson

☐ Being Investigated

157-10738-4

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAR 17 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	

#4

Officials, Blacks Talk UM Issues

OXFORD (AP)—University of Mississippi officials and some 50 Negro students met for two hours Monday, reportedly discussing problems involved in maintaining the operation of the university.

Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Jr., who headed a group of college officials, said the meeting was not used to bargain for demands. Fortune told the students that it was impossible to make major changes at the university overnight and that time was needed to work out differences.

The two groups reportedly discussed several mutual problems including a proposed Black Student Union; more Negro athletes; Negro teachers and Negro studies; Negro dormitory manager and the campus student publication.

Negro student leaders told the college committee that a Black Student Union charter was submitted in November of 1968, but was yet to be approved.

Fortune told them that the charter request was sent to a faculty-student committee and would be considered just like any other charter request.

Concerning Negro teachers and Negro studies, Dr. Alton

Bryant, a member of Fortune's committee, told the group changes of this nature must come from department heads. He said that no Negro applications for positions on the faculty had been received but that if it was, Negro applications would be considered just as any other application.

The meeting adjourned after two hours without studying all the major problems, officials said, and another meeting was planned for next week.

A predominately Negro group of 40 to 50 persons staged a sit-in March 14 at the home of Fortune and refused to move until they were allowed to see him.

Fortune agreed to meet with students and informed them that a series of meetings between university officials and student leaders would attempt to resolve differences.

Fortune earlier revealed the administration had been presented the group of demands by the school's Black Student Union.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

— Page 1

— The Clarion Ledger

— Jackson, Miss.

Date: March 18, 1969

Edition: Home

Author:

Editor: T.M. Hederman, Jr.

Title: University of Miss.

Character:

or COPY SENT BUREAU

Classification: 157-10738

Submitting Office: Jackson

☐ Being Investigated

157-10738-5

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
MAY 19 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	

#4 80

Catter for



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Jackson, Mississippi

March 19, 1969

MEETING OF STUDENTS ON
CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
MISSISSIPPI, TO PROTEST
GRIEVANCES

Chief of Campus Police Burnes Tatum, University of Mississippi, advised on March 19, 1969, that approximately 32 students, including five Negro males and ten white females, appeared on the university campus carrying signs as follows:

"Make this your university"
"Freedom - Women"
"Voluntary ROTC"
"The searches and seizures -
Free students and free university"
"Women are human too"
"Thou shalt not kill - God".

Chief Tatum advised that during this protest, members of this group passed out leaflets asking for the following:

1. The administration to act immediately on the compulsory Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program which the students opposed recently two to one.

11 - Bureau (RM)
1 - USA, Oxford
2 - MIGp, Jackson
4 - Jackson (2 - 157-New)
(1 - 100-1374)

(1 - 100-New) (CHARLES W. MC EWEN)

ROC:ecs

(18)

157-10773-1
Searched

Serialized

Indexed

Filed

MEETING OF STUDENTS ON
CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
MISSISSIPPI, TO PROTEST
GRIEVANCES

2. Women to be given full and equal rights with men including no curfew hours, no room checks, and complete freedom of dress.
3. Dormitory searches and police state tactics by campus security to be ended.

Chief Tatum advised with reference to the searches, students have complained because university regulations prohibit drinking or possessing liquor or beer on campus and that periodic room searches are made in this regard.

Chief Tatum further advised that this group had university permission to assemble in a designated area of the campus grounds between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. This group was apparently led by two students, Charles W. McEwen, Negro male, and Michael Gordon McMurray, a white male, both local Oxford residents. The group walked around displaying the signs and they sat on the ground until 2:40 p.m. when they voluntarily left.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., six members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity appeared as a counter-protest group and sat nearby. This group joked with the protesters and there was no incident between the two groups or the campus police. There were no arrests and the assembly was peaceful and obviously not well planned.

An estimated group of approximately 200 student spectators were present and no efforts were made to jeer or interfere with the group.

MEETING OF STUDENTS ON
CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI,
TO PROTEST GRIEVANCES

Charles McEwen attempted to persuade the group to sing songs, however, was unsuccessful in doing so.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

F B I

Date: 3/19/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-New) (P)

MEETING OF STUDENTS
ON CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY
OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
MISSISSIPPI, TO PROTEST
GRIEVANCES
RM - STAG

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 11 copies
of an LHM. One copy of LHM forwarded to USA, Oxford,
and two copies forwarded to MIGp, Jackson.

LEAD:JACKSONAT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will follow and report any additional protests
or marches on the campus of University of Miss.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
4 - Jackson (2) 157-New
(1 - 100-1374)
(1 - 100-New) (CHARLES W. MC EWEN)

ROC:ccs

(7) *ccs*

Searched _____

Serialized _____

Indexed _____

Filed _____

NEW CASE CREDIT GIVEN

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____

M

Per _____

Says University Violates Rights

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — The University of Mississippi chapter of the American Association of University Professors says the school's administration is guilty of "flagrant violation" of its stated principles of "unbroiled freedom to teach, to learn and to investigate."

In a resolution passed Friday and sent to Chancellor Porter L. Fortune Jr., the charge pointed to two incidents on the campus this month.

It singled out the arrest of eight students who protested the compulsory reserve officers Training Corps program and the action in stopping a series of campus talks by Dr. Earle Reynolds. The resolution described Reynolds as an expert on Far Eastern affairs who was served an injunction prohibiting his speaking as he addressed a political science class.

"We believe that the request for this injunction was an un-

justifiable invasion of the right to invite competent persons to address his (a professor of political science) class on matters relevant to the subject of the course," the resolution said.

"In these and a number of similar happenings the administration has failed to either consider the advice and recommendations of the relevant university committees, or to communicate the reason for its action or inaction."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

—Page 9

—Jackson Daily News

—Jackson, Miss.

COURT REPORT BUREAU

Date: March 22, 1969

Edition: Home

Author:

Editor: James M. Ward

Title: University of Mississippi

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Jackson

☐ Being Investigated

157-10738-8
H-135
JH

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-¹⁰⁷³⁸~~10723~~)

DATE: April 18, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETING OF STUDENTS ON CAMPUS,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
MISSISSIPPI TO PROTEST GRIEVANCES
R M * STAG

At approximately 11:15 AM on April 18, 1969, Campus Security officers, Univ. of Miss. found about 50 leaflets placed on chairs at the Coliseum in the area where the visiting educators had been seated prior to receiving their cap and gown for the Inauguration of Dr. Porter Lee FORTUNE, Jr. as Chancellor of The University of Mississippi.

Chief of Campus Police BURNES TATUM, ~~xxxx~~ Campus Police advised his department has been unable to determine who was responsible for this, but added, that the group left the area at 11:00 AM to attend the Inauguration and the leaflets were placed after they left. He believes his department picked up all copies and they were not seen by anyone else.

The leaflet is being placed in the 1-A of this file, but is described as follows:

"The Board of Trustees presents -

FREE

PUPPET

SHOW!

Featuring

PORTER LEE THE PUPPET

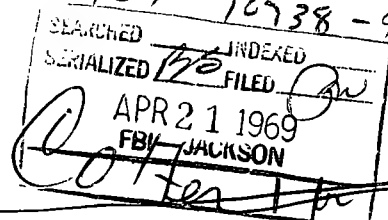
with GEORGE STREET

AND M. M. ROBERTS

as operators

11:00 AM April 18
at the Coliseum "

157-~~10723~~)



(It is noted that MALCOLM M. ROBERTS if president of the Board of Trustees, Institutions of higher learning, GEORGE STREET is Director or development, Univ. of Miss., the job previously held by Mr. HUGH H. CLEGG (retired)



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10738)

DATE: April 25, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
TO BE REQUESTED OF SCHOOL ADM.
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
STAG
RM

Chief of Campus Police BURNES TATUM, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi has been contacted almost on a daily basis since the above meeting. When last contacted on April 25, 1969, Chief TATUM advised that the group who sponsored the above meeting have been very quiet and have made no further attempts to arrange another such meeting.

He also advised that CHARLES W. McEWEN has been placed on ~~academic~~ probation for cursing a dormitory manager and that DAVID C. PARISH is also on ~~xx~~ probation for protesting on the ROTC drill field. The other two leaders of this group, DAVID ALAN SANSING and PETER J. FOX also are on probation in connection with the ROTC protest.

Chief TATUM stated that the Student Judicial Council imposed the probation and since they were placed on probation, they have not been active.

LEAD

JACKSON @ OXFORD, MISS.

Will follow this matter with University Officials.

2 - 157-10738
1 - 160-1373
ROC (3)

157-10738-10

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
APR 26 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	

Cotten



5010-108-01

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738)

DATE: 6/30/69

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
TO BE REQUESTED OF SCHOOL ADM.,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
RM - STAG

Chief of Campus Police has been contacted on several dates concerning this matter and recently he was contacted on 6/26/69, and he has no additional info concerning this group.

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials] (1) Jackson
ROC/jsk
(1)

157-10738-11

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 30 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	



5010-108-01

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10738)

DATE: August 28, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS TO BE
REQUESTED OF SCHOOL ADM. UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MISS.
STAG
RM

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss.
advised on August 28, 1969 that CHARLES W. MC EWEN and DAVID ALAN SANSING
TWO of the leaders of this group are no longer at the University.

MC EWEN is under \$4,000. bond for grand larceny of books from the Univ.
of Mississippi and has not yet been tried. He presently lives in New York.
SANSING was dropped by the University for poor grades and he now lives in
Florida.

Chief POPERNIK advised that he would consider DAVID C. PARISH and
PETER J. FOX to be troublemakers in the Fall session, 1969

LEAD:

JACKSON

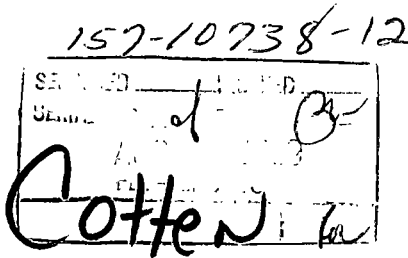
, AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with Campus Chief of Police POPERNIK
regarding any new student demands.

157-10738
ROC (2)



5010-108-01



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10738)

DATE: October 27, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTER

SUBJECT: MEETING TO DISCUSS DEMANDS TO BE
REQUESTED OF SCHOOL ADM. UNIVERSITY
OF MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD, MISS.
STAG RM

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on October 27, 1969 that since he was last contacted regarding this matter there have been no meetings to discuss any demands of the University. He pointed out that a group led by DAVID C. PARISH requested permission from the University to hold several pop festivals on campus and their request was granted.

He stated that from his contacts, he does not believe PETER J. FOX has been a leader in any of the activities.

He promised to keep this office advised of any new demands.

LEAD

JACKSON OFFICE

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will maintain contact with Chief POPERNIK.

ROC (2)

Post

157-10738-13

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
OCT 28 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	

Cotter *for*



5010-108-01

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10738)

DATE: December 24, 1969

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
TO BE REQUESTED OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION, UNIV. OF MISS.,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi advised on December 24, 1969 that he knows of no recent meetings of the "New Left" group who previously had made demands of the University.

He advised the only action by this group in recent months was on October 15, 1969 and November 13, 1969 at which time the VIET NAM Moratorium took place on campus.

He stated he would keep abreast of any future meetings and advise.

LEAD

JACKSON OFFICE

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police POPERNIK.

ROC (2)



5010-108-01

157-10738-14

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
DEC 27 1969	
FBI - JACKSON	
Cotten	lv

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738)

DATE: 2/25/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter on 2/23/70, advised that he knows of no recent meetings of the "New Left" group of students and has no knowledge of any recent meetings involving this group in which demands were made of the University.

He advised that the "New Left" group is still active on campus and many are members of the Young Democrats who have recently extended an invitation to Rev. GROPPi of Milwaukee, Wisconsin to appear as a speaker on campus during April, 1970, the dates not yet set.

He advised he would continue to be alert to the activities of this group and any meetings held by them.

LEAD:

JACKSON

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK.

(2) - Jackson
ROC/jdh
(2) *jdh*



5010-108-01

157-10738-15
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
FEB 25 1970
FBI - JACKSON
Cotten

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 4/30/70 *ca*

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning the above matter on April 28, 1970, advised that since the members of the Black Student Union have been so active in their protest and demands of the school administration, he has heard very little concerning the white students identified under the "New Left". He stated, however, that the most active group considered by him to be the "New Left" would be the Young Democrats who have both black and white membership on campus.

He pointed out that the Young Democrats previously invited TYRONE GETTIS, a black student agitator who was responsible for the arrest of over 800 students at Miss. Valley State College at Itta Bena, Miss. He stated this request was made to the university officials to secure GETTIS as a speaker before the group of Young Democrats but that this request was denied by Chancellor PORTER L. FORTUNE of the University of Miss. He pointed out that this matter was taken before USDC in Oxford, Miss., by members of this group and it was ruled on by USDJ ORMA SMITH that GETTIS could appear as a speaker. Subsequently, the University of Miss. obtained a temporary restraining order from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals barring the appearance of GETTIS.

In addition, he advised that CHARLES EVERS, Mayor of Fayette, Miss., appeared as a speaker at the

2 Jackson
ROC/pap
(2) *ROC*

157-10738-16

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
APR 30 1970	
FBI JACKSON	

Cotten for



JN 157-10738

University of Miss., based on request made by members of the Student Body.

He stated that the latest information concerning demands being made of the school administration came in the form of a written request made on April 28, 1970, by TILDA JESSE DENT who produced a request signed by the following individuals asking for permission for a parade and a demonstration on April 30, 1970.

WARREN EDWARDS, white male (hippie type)
SYBIL MC RANEY, Negro female
TOM WEBB, white male
HORACE SHOATE, race unknown

He advised that apparently the above individuals are connected with the Young Democrats and requested permission to parade and demonstrate from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on April 30, 1970, on campus. The group advised through TILDA JESSE DENT that they planned to gather at the Coliseum parking lot and march to the Student Union Building and demonstrate on the north and south side of the Student Union Building. He advised he was informed that the group would carry signs showing their dislike of the Board of Trustees, the Campus Security, and the Student Judicial Council. Chief POPERNIK advised that the requests made by DENT was approved by Director of Student Activities TOM S. HINES of the University of Mississippi and that Campus Security officers plan to furnish an escort police car at the head and at the end of this march.

He advised on 4/30/70, that he had received additional information concerning this matter and stated it appears that the groups involved are the Black Student Union, the Young Democrats, the "hippie type" individuals on campus, and the ODK Fraternity. He advised that he observed posters on campus on April 29, 1970, reading "Ole Miss Change It or Loose It".

He advised that on April 30, 1970, on that morning he observed additional posters being distributed on campus advertising a march and demanding "justice" from the State Board of Trustees and signs requesting that Campus Security Officers be disarmed. He observed in addition a sign "Bring 20th Century to Ole Miss."

In addition, he advised that on the morning of April 30, 1970, he observed additional signs prepared by white students advertising a "white majority rally" to be conducted in front of the Student Union Building at 2:00 p.m., and urged white students to bring Rebel flags to be displayed at this time. It was pointed out by Chief POPERNIK that the group being represented by TILDA JESSE DENT would complete their march and hold their demonstration at the same location planned by the "white majority rally" at approximately the same time.

POPERNIK stated that he has been instructed by University officials to make arrests of any student regardless of race for any obscenity or violation of state laws. In this regard, he advised that his present plans are to take any arrested person to the Lafayette County Jail and charge him in Justice of the Peace Court on state violations. In some cases, arrests will be referred to the Student Judicial Council following their handling in JP Court by state authorities.

LEADS

JACKSON

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK regarding the above.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-10738)

DATE: June 26, 1970

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGSTO DISCUSS DEMANDS TO BE
REQUESTED OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss.
Oxford, Mississippi, advised on June 25, 1970 that he knows of no recent
meetings held on campus during the Summer Session by persons making demands
to the University.

He stated that DAVID ALAN SANSING has returned to the campus and has
been active in assembling other "new left" students and has been associating
with members of the Black Student Union.

Information was obtained concerning certain films shown on campus
which is being set forth under the caption of "DAVID ALAN PARISH".(100-1276)

q LEAD

JACKSON

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will maintain contact with COP POPERNIK.

① - 157-10738

1 - 100-1276 (Pls re-open and forward copy each serial to Oxford)

ROC (2)



5010-108-01

157-10738-17

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 27 1970	
FBI — JACKSON	

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 8/21/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, when last contacted concerning the above-captioned matter on August 20, 1970, advised that the summer session, 1970, was completed on August 14, 1970.

He pointed out that during the summer months, members of the "New Left" and Young Democrats who had previously made demands of the school administration were limited in number to the summer attendance.

Chief POPERNIK stated, however, he anticipates other demands will be made by these individuals after the fall, 1970, session which begins in September.

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue to follow the activities of the above groups and report any demands of the school administration made by these individuals.

② Jackson
ROC:mae
(2) mae

(Signature)
h AB

157-10738-18
1st *(Signature)* *gn*

Foller *hr*



5010-108-01

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 10/23/70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
TO BE REQUESTED OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISS.

When contacted on October 21, 1970, Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., advised that a large group of hippie-type individuals attended a pop festival at Greenville, Miss., on 10/17/70 and 10/18/70, at which time the group allegedly were in possession of an amount of marijuana.

He stated that the group to his knowledge are not having meetings on campus but are seen together as a group frequently. He advised that they normally congregate in a room of one of the hippie students at the East Tower Dormitory on campus.

He stated that he has also learned that some of the hippie type students have made efforts to associate themselves with members of the Black Student Union without success.

He advised that he would keep this office informed of any meetings of this group.

LEAD

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will maintain contact with Chief POPERNIK in this regard.

② - Jackson
RLC:yh
(2)



5010-108-01

157-10738-19

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
OCT 23 1970	
FBI-JACKSON	

Cotten

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 12-28-70

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED OF
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISS.,
OXFORD, MISS.

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, UM, Oxford, Miss., advised on 12-18-70, that at 7:30 p.m., on the night of 12-15-70, a group of "hippie-type" students as well as several black students met at room 110 in Connor Hall on campus. He advised that his meeting was originally called by the Young Democrats on campus and POPERNIK volunteered that he had a paid source in attendance at this meeting who was formerly connected with police work in Florida, and described this individual as highly reliable.

He stated that his source learned at the meeting that CHARLES EVERS, Mayor of Fayette, Miss., originally had been scheduled to make an appearance at that time; however, he did not make his appearance. He advised that the speech originally planned by EVERS is being scheduled for some date in February, 1971. He advised that TILDA JESSE DENT, Negro male student, who is a leader in the Black Student Union, called the meeting to order. He advised that during the meeting, the group discussed the "up coming February projects" which according to the source concerned a probable moratorium to be held in February, 1971, in support of the large number of black students who were arrested at Fulton Chapel during February, 1970, while disrupting a musical group who were performing at that time. DENT at this meeting remarked that Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON, Black Minister of the Black Student Union, could probably furnish funds for "worth-while projects".

In addition, he advised the group discussed setting up a table at registration during the mid-term to recruit new

(5) - Jackson (1 - 100-1612) (1 - 100-1707) (1 - 100-16095)

ROC:ldw

(5) *ldw*

157-10738-20

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
DEC 28 1970	
FBI-JACKSON	

Cotten

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



5010-108-02

JN 157-10738

membership for the Young Democrats.

In addition, the group discussed the possibility of obtaining guest speaker, JANE FONDA and SHIRLEY MC LAIN during late February, 1971, to make an appearance at Fulton Chapel on campus.

In addition, he advised that it was recommended a committee be appointed to contact Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK concerning a number of questions previously posed to his office by members of the Young Democrats. POPERNIK advised that this letter concerned a list of demands for answers to certain questions concerning salary qualifications and type of experience involving members of the campus security police.

In addition, he advised this group complained that during the recent arrest of 12 students during the Ole Miss LSU pep rally where allegations were made that some of the students were roughed up by campus police officers during the arrest.

He advised that his meeting was attended by several "long hair, hippie-type students" as well as several black students and recalled that GARY VAN KIDD, a white male, hippie-type student was one of the group in attendance.

In addition, he advised that on 12-14-70, a member of his campus police department had learned that several of the hippie-type students have been bitterly complaining concerning the fact that campus security officers are carrying .357 magnums as a side arm.

With reference to ARTHUR EDWIN HEALY advised that he has not observed HEALY on campus in recent weeks and stated he is not presently a student at the University of Mississippi.

JN 157-10738

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISS.

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police
RICHARD POPERNIK concerning the above matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (100-1552) (P)

DATE: 2-26-71

FROM : SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER

SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES AT UNIVERSITY OF
MISSISSIPPI, OXFORD,
MISS.
RM - STAG
OO: JN

On 2-25-71, RICHARD POPERNIK, Chief of Campus Security, University of Miss. (UM), Oxford, advised that on the evening of 2-24-71, JESSE DENT requested and was given permission to met with the Young Democrats at Connor Hall located on the campus at the university.

POPERNIK continued that also occurring on the night of 2-24-71, was an artist series performance in Fulton Chapel with DONALD JOHANOS conducting the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. POPERNIK advised that he was fearful for trouble on the campus as 2-24-70, was the day that several black students marched into Fulton Chapel and disrupted the "up with people: goodwill singing group.

POPERNIK continued that at approximately 9:00 p.m. a group of 14 black students left the YMCA building with WILHEIM JOSEPH and JESSE DENT leading and marched to the east side of Fulton Chapel. During the intermission of the artist series, these 14 black students entered Fulton Chapel but left as soon as the lights were dimmed signaling the beginning of the second half of the program. Upon leaving Fulton Chapel, the black students heckled University Campus Security Officers and moved on to the Student Union Building thereafter, returning to the YMCA building.

14 - Jackson
(2 - 100-1552)
(2 - 157-10738)
(2 - 157-10585)
(2 - 157-10768)
(2 - 157-11664)
(2 - 157-11197)
(2 - 157-11478)

JDM:ldw
(14)

157-10738-21

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
FEB 27 1971	
FBI-JACKSON	

Cotter



5010-108-01

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JN 100-1552

The blacks called "get the pigs" and "down the pigs".

There were no altercations and no arrests were made.

Chief POPERNIK continued that in an article appearing in the university newspaper, the Daily Mississippian on 2-25-71, is an article about the fact that it was one year ago that black students disrupted the "up with people" concert at Fulton Chapel. Included in this article is a comment by WILHEIM JOSEPH who is identified as a black law student to the effect that white students at the UM are "victims of thought control" and that JOSEPH has no hope for changes among university administrative officials. JOSEPH is quoted in the paper as saying "change will come only by death and time and I wish them a quick death".

POPERNIK advised he has seen JOHN BRITTAIN on several occasions in and around the UM Law School. He advised that to his knowledge, BRITTAIN is still an attorney for the north Mississippi Rural Legal Services located in Oxford, Mississippi. POPERNIK stated that he once passed BRITTAIN on the sidewalk outside of the law school a few weeks ago and spoke briefly with him. POPERNIK stated he asked BRITTAIN if he were teaching in the law school and BRITTAIN replied that he was there "trying to get an education". POPERNIK advised he does not know if BRITTAIN is attending the Ole Miss Law School and stated university records indicate that a JAMES BRITTAIN is enrolled in the university law school but there is no indication that a JOHN BRITTAIN is enrolled in the law school.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

March 12, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

CHARLES EVERS

Chief of Campus Police Richard Popernik, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised an Agent of the FBI on March 10, 1971, that Charles Evers, Mayor of Fayette, Mississippi, was a guest speaker at Fulton Chapel on campus, University of Mississippi, at 7:30 PM, on March 10, 1971.

Popernik advised Evers was invited to speak by the young Democrats on campus, and advised the meeting was open to other students.

He related that Evers arrived at the Oxford Airport by private plane at 7:40 PM, March 10, 1971, and was accompanied by two white males, one being the pilot and the other believed by Popernik to be a bodyguard.

He stated that Evers appeared before a group of approximately 900 students in Fulton Chapel and spoke and answered questions from approximately 7:45 PM until 9:10 PM. He advised that the persons in attendance were primarily "long hair, hippie-type" and the group also included approximately 100 to 150 Negro students.

Popernik advised that he was in attendance at the meeting and observed no members of the press being present.

11 - Bureau

1 - USA, Jackson

1 - Secret Service, Jackson

2 - MIGp, Jackson

⑥ Jackson (2-157-11188) (1- 100-1552) (1-157-10585) (1-157-10738)
(1- 157-TILDA JESSE DENT)

ROQabb

(21) *hpb*

157-10738-22
Searched _____
Serialized CWB
Indexed FILED
Filed CWB

CHARLES EVERS

Popernik advised that he had previously believed that Evers would announce his plans concerning his bid for the governor's race in Mississippi, and that prior to his arrival there, Tilda Jesse Dent, a Negro student, had prepared numerous large posters reading "Evers for Governor". He stated that he did not observe any of these posters in evidence during the speech.

He stated that although Evers did not make any formal announcement of his intentions to run for the Governor of the State of Mississippi, he directed many of his remarks by stating "if I am elected Governor".

In connection with statements made by Evers, he alleged that if he was governor, he would do away with the current administration at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman, Mississippi, and would eliminate prison guards who are inmates. He also advised that in connection with the University of Mississippi, he would get rid of the current members of the Board of Trustees.

With reference to comments he made concerning the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, he remarked "I will damn sure straighten out the Mississippi Highway Patrol". During his speech, Evers claimed to have active support of 99 percent of the Negroes and ten percent of the white population in the State of Mississippi.

During his speech, he announced that on April 18, 1971, he planned a mass rally at Jackson, at College Park, where a formal announcement would be made concerning his intentions to seek the office of Governor, and at the same time would name his Lieutenant Governor running mate, described only by him as to be a white person.

Popernik advised that there were no incidents or arrests and that Evers along with his associates, left approximately fifteen minutes following his appearance at Fulton Chapel.

CHARLES EVERS

Popernik also advised that during the meeting, at Fulton Chapel, it was announced that Jane Fonda, the movie personality, will be a guest speaker before the young Democrats at the campus of the University of Mississippi, on April 1, 1971.

Sergeant Wayne Mills, University of Mississippi, Police Department, Oxford, Mississippi, advised an Agent of the FBI on March 11, 1971, that the daily publication of the campus newspaper, "The Mississippian" carried a small news coverage concerning the appearance of Charles Evers. He advised the news reporter for the student newspaper obtained the following quotes concerning certain statements made by Evers which are set forth below:

"It's time to change the self-styled Government that's been denying both black and white the right to be a part of the State".

"It's just black folks who suffer from this State's Government".

He warned the white students in attendance "you got to stop letting your mom and dad preach hatred and bigotry to you".

"This is no white man's problem, and no black man's problem, its all of ours, and we're not going anywhere by ourselves."

"You're lucky that black folks in Mississippi haven't become fierce cause when we do, Mississippi is through".

He was also quoted as stating "not only do the Highway Patrol harass black folks, they harass young, long-haired white folks as well".

It was further determined from Sergeant Mills, that investigation conducted by his department, reveals that some of the leaders of the black students checked dormitories

CHARLES EVERS

on campus on the night of March 10, 1971, to insure the fact that the Negro female students had gone to Fulton Chapel to hear Charles Evers.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

F B I

Date: 3/12/71

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-11188) (C)

CHARLES EVERS
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 10 copies of an LHM concerning investigation conducted by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN.

One copy of this LHM is being forwarded to the USA, Oxford; and one copy to Secret Service, Jackson. Two copies are being furnished to MIGp, Jackson.

157-10738-23

Searched _____
Serialized CMS
Indexed _____
Filed CMS

2 - Bureau (Enc. 11)(RM)
6 - Jackson (2-157-11188)(1- 100-1552)(1- 157-10585)(1-157-10738)
ROC/bb (1- 157-TILDA JESSE DENT)
(8)

Approved: KEB Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 4-28-71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISS.,
OXFORD, MISS.

Chief of Campus Security RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., advised on 4-23-71, that his department is still attempting to comply with demands made by all students at the University of Miss. In this connection, he advised that a recent meeting was held of the faculty senate on campus at which time some of the Negro students again brought up the fact that not all of the 27 demands previously made had been fulfilled by the University Administration. He advised that at this meeting, one student, name unknown, suggested that members of the campus police receive some sort of training in connection with minority groups and problems encountered by black students with the campus police officers. In this connection, POPERNIK advised that his department has just had a three-day school concerning this topic.

He also advised that members of the black student council have repeatedly criticized the athletic program at the University of Miss., particularly the recruiting of black athletes and their desire to employ additional black faculty members.

He advised that on the night of April 22, 1971, the new head coach, BILLY KINARD, met with the associated student body in Fulton Chapel on campus between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at which time he attempted to answer all questions concerning athletic scholarships. He advised this was an orderly meeting, however, many of the black students were critical of the fact that athletic scholarships

3 - Jackson
(1-157-10768)
ROC:ldw
(3)

157-10738-24

SEARCHED.....	INDEXED.....
SERIALIZED.....	FILED.....
APR 28 1971	
FBI-JACKSON	



5010-108

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JN 157-10738

are not being offered to Negroes and are not included in the athletic program. POPERNIK pointed out that the University of Miss., currently has two Negro football players and three basketball players and are actively recruiting in the field of black athletes.

He advised that the group who met with Coach KINARD was composed primarily of members of the Young Democrats and Black Student Union.

He concluded by stating that this was an orderly meeting and advised he will keep this office posted concerning any problem in regard to this matter.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, (LAFAYETTE COUNTY) MISS.

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Security RICHARD POPERNIK.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 6/29/71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 6/25/71, that he knows of no recent demands made by black students, and he knows of no recent meetings to discuss demands of the student administration by either white or black students.

He pointed out that the summer session, 1971, has been very quiet so far, and he does not anticipate any particular problems during the summer session. He volunteered that for the most part, students who take summer courses are teachers who are working on higher degrees, and those students who actually attend summer sessions are desirous of obtaining an education rather than causing dissent and trouble during the summer months.

With reference to the Black Student Union on campus, he advised there is a large enrollment of Negro students for the summer session, and he has heard that there have been some meetings in the recent days of the Black Student Union looking forward to the election of officers for that organization.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD, (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with Chief of Campus Police, RICHARD POPERNIK, concerning any demonstrations or demands made on campus.

4 - Jackson (2 - 157-10768) ((1 - 157-10738)
ROC/gb (1 - 157-10585)
(4)



157-10738-25

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 30 1971	
FBI - JACKSON	

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 8/30/71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: EXTREMIST MATTERS -
BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Assistant Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 8/23/71, that during the summer session of 1971 there have been no black student demands or meetings to discuss demands by any group.

With regard to the Black Student Union on campus, he advised that one of the demands previously made was to hire black campus police officers and stated that recently he appointed one of his black patrolmen, CHARLES BLACK, to the position of investigator.

He stated that approximately one week ago, examinations were given for Sergeants positions in his department and Patrolman MURRY PATTON, a Negro male, made the second highest score. He stated that the white Sergeant who was given the appointment had indicated that he plans to resign and stated that Patrolman MURRY PATTON will be made the new Sergeant.

In addition to the above, he pointed out that he has employed two white female patrolmen who work the evening and night shift on campus. He advised that both of these individuals were white; however, he is attempting to secure the services of a black female to be added to the department.

He advised that he is also making efforts to locate a black secretary to be used in the office of the campus police and has taken applications for this position.

With reference to the two above-mentioned white police women, he advised that they have taken firearms training along with



2-Jackson
1-157-10738
1-157-10585
ROC:sh
(4)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

157-10738-24

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
AUG 31 1971	
FBI - JACKSON	

793

JN 157-10768

the men in the department and are scheduled to go to the Mississippi Training Academy at Whitfield, Mississippi, within about two months.

He advised that the Black Student Members have been quiet during the summer of 1971; however, had observed them on occasion meeting with Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON, Campus Minister for Black Student Union.

TIDWELL stated that he anticipates a large enrollment of Negro students for the fall, 1971 semester, and the entire enrollment has been estimated to be approximately 8,300 students.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will continue to maintain contact with Assistant Campus Police Chief, JOHN TIDWELL, and report results of any meetings or demands made by any group on campus.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 12/30/71

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS DEMANDS
TO BE REQUESTED OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
EM

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD BOPERNICK, University of Miss., Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter, on 12/23/71, advised that he has experienced no real difficulty with any students on campus in recent months.

He stated that the white group identified as the "New Left or Hippie" group have their organization known as the Coalition for Progress and stated they meet about once a week usually on Wednesday nights after receiving permission from the university administration to hold such a meeting. He advised that usually there is a small number of white students in attendance.

He advised there have been no demands made by this group during the current school semester.

With reference to the Black Student Union (BSU), he advised that members of this group meet at the office of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON, Adviser and Minister for the BSU at the "Y" Building on various nights. He stated that no request is made for any of these meetings and none is required.

He stated that he has had no problem with any of the members of the Black Student Union, however, stated on the night of 12/10/71, a small group of Negro students standing in front of the "Y" Building shouted the word "pig" to one of his police cruisers as they passed the area. He stated thereafter on the same evening another small group of 4 or 5 Negro students were assembled in front of the Student Union

③ - Jackson

(2 - 157-10738)

(1 - 100-1552)

(1 - 157-10585)

ROC: (1 - 157-10768)

(5)

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

157-10738-27

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
DEC 30 1971	
FBI-JACKSON	

[Handwritten signatures and initials over the stamp]



JN 157-10738

Building and this group also shouted "pig" at a passing police cruiser.

Chief POPERNICK advised that there were no incidents and this is the first time in recent months that any of the students either Negro or white have been discourteous in any manner to members of his department.

He stated that on the night of 12/14/71, Negro JULIAN BOND from Atlanta, Ga., was a guest speaker at Fulton Chapel on campus, having been invited as a guest speaker by the O. D. K. Mortarboard and stated that about 1200 persons were in attendance and about 2/3 of these individuals were white. The group was predominately students.

He stated that there was no problem during this speech and that at the conclusion of the speech JULIAN BOND had a question and answer period.

He stated, however, that he did not engage in any arguments with spectators and requested that any questions posed for his answer be prepared in writing on a card and given to him for discussion. He advised that apparently BOND was very selective in discussing certain questions posed by the audience.

POPERNICK concluded by stating that he anticipates the activities of the Black Student Union and a group known as the Coalition for Progress will increase after the January, 1972, session begins and volunteered that he believes the interest in the football season was instrumental in keeping down any trouble.

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will continue to follow and report activities on campus at the University of Mississippi.

Date prepared

2/29/72

Date received

1/21, 2/4,
& 23/72

Received from (name or symbol number)

FOIA b 7 - D

Received by

SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated 2/24/72 to MHC (m/b)

Transcribed 2/29/72

Authenticated
by Informant

Date of Report

2/23/72

Date(s) of activity

Current

Brief description of activity or material

Activities of Black Student Union, University
of Miss., Oxford, Miss.

File where original is located if not attached

FOIA b 7 - D

* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by _____ on date _____

Remarks:

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF
USED IN A REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE
SUITABLY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE
IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

FOIA b 7 - D

- 1 - 157-10585 (BLACK STUDENT UNION, UNIVERSITY OF MISS.)
1 - 157-14481 (JOHN DOUGLAS FAIR)
m/v (1) - 157-10738
1 - 157-10768

Block Stamp

157-10238-28
SEARCHED INDEXED
SERIALIZED FILED
FEB 28 1972
FBI-JACKSON

Cotten

1/21/72

Source advised that the Black Student Union (BSU) currently is arranging a program for the Black History Week which is always held at the University of Mississippi during the month of February of each year. He advised that in the past the meetings were held for an entire week; however, he stated for the 1972 Black History Week Session, arrangements have been made for the meeting to be held from February 16, 1972, and end on February 18, 1972.

He advised that he was assisting in the selection of participants for Black History Week.

Source advised that he did not anticipate any problem on campus during this period of time.

2/4/72

Source advised that arrangements have been completed concerning the Black History Week and stated the discussions will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Bondurant Hall Auditorium and stated that individuals selected as speakers have been identified as JEANETTE JENNINGS, Associate Professor of Sociology, who is the first Negro member of the University of Mississippi faculty. He advised that also a speaker has been selected and identified him as WILHELM JOSEPH, a law student and former president of the BSU.

Source advised that BSU Vice President JOHN FAIR is coordinator for the activities and stated FAIR has issued a statement that the panel will deal with both physiological and practical aspects of Pan-Africanism, relating to the lives of university students.

FAIR has described the Pan-Africanism as "one of the Avant-Garde movements" among blacks today.

Source advised the group also plans a black art exhibition which will be held in Bishop Hall on campus. He pointed out that one of the highlights of the Black History Week will be an art exhibition with some of the works of a

graduate student PHILLIP DOTSON, who is also a member of the BSU.

He stated that a special production had been prepared by two graduate theater majors and these individuals are identified as JAMES PETERS and Miss I. D. THOMPSON which production will be dealing with Black History.

Source advised that the week's activities will be concluded on Friday, February 18, 1972, at an Afro-American Ball which is only open to students who are now members or who have held membership in the Black Student Union. He advised that white students will not be allowed to attend this function.

2/23/72

Source on this date advised that he was not in Oxford on the night of 2/22/72 during the speech made by CARL BRADEN who spoke in defense of the Republic of New Africa (RNA). Source stated, however, he has been in close contact with other members of the BSU who were present during this speech and stated that BRADEN called on those people present to go to Jackson and oppose the trial of the RNA members in March, 1972. He advised one of the students who was present quoted BRADEN as asking them to go to Jackson and "raise holy hell" in an effort to disrupt the trial.

Source advised that he has no information that any students who are members of the BSU plan any such tactics and stated further that Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON has cautioned students against engaging in such tactics.

Source, with reference to Black History Week, advised that he was able to attend all meetings and stated there was not a very large turnout for this year's Black History Week.

He advised that three white students did make an appearance on one occasion at one session of the Black History Week but obviously were not welcome.

He advised that only twenty-four persons attended the opening meeting of this session and panelist were law

students, one of them identified as LEWIS MYERS. Source advised that MYERS made the statement that the minds of black Americans are what white Americans have made them. He stated "we are an African people. To say that we are Afro-Americans is giving credit to a people (white) who primarily do not deserve it but we can't be separate from them if we believe in the same thing they do." MYERS said that American institutions, because they are primarily white oriented, have conditioned black minds to accept white premises, which deprives blacks of their own minds. He stated that black reaction to this is the root of Pan-Africanism. MYERS further made the statement, "Ours is primarily a struggle to win minds and we have to get out of our minds the mind of the man who does not look like us." MYERS also stated, "We are intimately related to all non-whites in the world," and further stated, "Africans cannot afford the luxury of individualism. We have to think in terms of 'we living'."

Source advised that there is a meeting scheduled by the BSU for March 2, 1972, and stated that there apparently is unrest in the ranks of the BSU and he is not sure why the meeting has been called. He advised he would make this information available following the meeting inasmuch as he plans to be in attendance.

Date prepared

4/27/72

Date received
3/22/72;
4/26/72

Received from (name or symbol number)

FOIA b 7 - D

Received by

SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:
Date

Dictated 4/26/72 to m/b

Transcribed 4/27/72 clm

Authenticated
by Informant

Brief description of activity or material

Activities of Black Student Union, University
of Miss., Oxford.

Date of Report

4/26/72

Date(s) of activity

Current

File where original is located if not attached

FOIA b 7 - D

* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by on date

Remarks:

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ENCLOSED REPORT, IF USED IN A
REPORT BEING PREPARED FOR DISSEMINATION, SHOULD BE SUITABLY PARAPHRASED
IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

FOIA b 7 - D

1- 157-10585
1- 157-10738
1- 157-10768

Block Stamp

157-10738-29

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
APR 27 1972	
FBI-JACKSON	

Cotten

On 3/22/72, source advised that the scheduled meeting of members of the Black Student Union (BSU) for the night of 3/2/72, was held at the Y Building, 3rd Floor, on campus, in the office of Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON. Source advised that the purpose of this meeting was to vote on leadership of the BSU and that the group currently operates under advice given them by Rev. JOHNSON, allowing the undergraduate students to be officers and run the activities without interference by older students.

It was pointed out that previously, graduate students and law students had leadership in the BSU and were very active in making protests as well as conducting actual demonstrations on campus.

Source advised that the group elected not to accept leadership from the older students, and he advised that WILHELM JOSEPH, a law student, was very active at the meeting in attempting to assume leadership of the BSU. JOSEPH desired to make demands of the University for additional black athletes, black instructors, black history courses, and condemned the campus police for arresting black students on traffic violations.

According to source, WILHELM JOSEPH advocated demonstrating in front of the campus police office; however, this was voted down. Source advised that he sees no change in the operation of the BSU at this time, and things appear normal.

On 3/28/72, source was recontacted advised that the BSU continues to meet at least once a week, sometimes at Room 120 in Conner Hall on campus and at other times in the office of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON at the Y Building.

He recalled that at the last meeting, there was no discussion concerning any planned protests and the meeting

only consisted of planning a picnic at Sardis Reservoir near Oxford, Miss.

On 4/26/72, source advised that he was present on campus on 4/18/72, when JAMES H. MEREDITH, the first Negro to enroll at the University of Mississippi, appeared on campus for the first time since 1963, when he graduated from that university. He advised that MEREDITH was observed in the company of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON, who conferred at length with WAYNE JOHNSON about the racial atmosphere on campus at the present time. Source advised that MEREDITH spoke to a history class on this date, apparently based on an invitation previously made by a Dr. DAVID SANSING and following the discussion to the history class, MEREDITH was observed walking around the campus shaking hands and "politicking" for the public office he currently is seeking.

Source advised that many members of the BSU introduced themselves to MEREDITH and conversed with him at length throughout the afternoon. He advised that on the night of 4/18/72, MEREDITH made an appearance at the Civic Club on Hwy. 6 West, where a group of approximately 150 Negroes appeared to greet him and talk with him concerning his race for public office. Source advised that the group took up a collection amounting to approximately \$75, which was given to MEREDITH.

Source advised that he anticipates no problems at the present time with the BSU and feels he is in a position to maintain contact with them on a daily basis and he is at all of the meetings.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 6/28/72

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
EM

Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., when last contacted concerning this matter on 6/26/72, advised that there is a very large summer enrollment at the University of Mississippi.

He stated that he has not observed any activities on the part of the Black Student Union, and there have been no meetings of students, either black or white, to make demands against the University administration.

He advised that he observes from time to time groups of black students going to the Y Building, where they generally meet at the office of Rev. WAYNE JOHNSON.

He does not anticipate any problems during the summer semester but stated he and his officers are alert to any potential problems in this regard.

4 - Jackson
(2 - 157-10768)
(1 - 157-10738)
(1 - 157-10585)

ROC/mae

(4) *mae*



*Post
S/K*

157-10738-30

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
JUN 28 1972	
FBI-JACKSON	

NT

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10768) (P)

DATE: 8/28/72

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT DEMANDS
TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI,
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI
EM

FILE STRIPPED

Date 12/8/72

by Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., advised on August 23, 1972, that the second summer session at the University of Mississippi, ended on August 18, 1972. He advised that throughout the summer session there were no meetings held by either black students or white students who were members of the Coalition for Progress. He stated; however, that he anticipated that after the fall semester which begins after registration on August 29, 1972, that members of the Black Student Union and the white faction known as the Coalition for Progress will no doubt begin having regularly scheduled meetings.

He advised that he has sources who will attend the meetings of the white students; however, he has no actual sources inside the Black Student Union.

He advised that demands made by the black students as well as the white students are generally presented in the form of demands or in the form of a petition to the University of Mississippi Police Department, or to the Counselor of the University. He advised he will keep this office advised concerning any meetings or demands made of the University administration or any demonstrations.

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

2 - Jackson (157-10768)

1 - Jackson (157-10738)

ROC/gb

(3)



Post
TRB

157-10738-31

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
AUG 28 1972	
FBI-JACKSON	

KBS

JN 157-10768

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with COP RICHARD POPERNIK
and Assistant Chief of Campus Police JOHN TIDWELL
concerning this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10738) (P)

DATE: 10/31/72

FROM : SA ROBIN O. COTTEN

SUBJECT: MEETINGS TO DISCUSS
DEMANDS TO BE REQUESTED
OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, advised on 10/23/72, that there have been no real problems in connection with members of the Black Student Union in recent months. He pointed out that the group still meets once or twice a week at Y Building on campus at the office of Reverend WAYNE JOHNSON who is minister for the Black Student Union and advisor for this group.

He advised there have been no demands recently made against the university administration or by black students, however, stated that he understands a publication known as "The Spectator", the Black Student Union's newspaper, plans to publish a newspaper in November, 1972. He advised that his information indicates that "The Spectator's" first issue will reportedly include many of the problems that "plague" black students at the University of Mississippi.

He advised he is of the opinion that the publication of this newspaper by the Black Student Union might have some effect on the black students as a group which might cause them to protest or demonstrate for some of their demands.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT OXFORD (LAFAYETTE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

ROC/gjt
(6)

1 - 157-10758

1 - 157-10585

2 - 157-New "THE SPECTATOR" (BLACK STUDENT UNION
(NEWSPAPER))



157-10738-32

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
OCT 31 1972	
FBI-JACKSON	

Cotten for

JN 157-10738

Will continue to follow this matter with Chief of Campus Police RICHARD POPERNIK, will obtain a copy of "The Spectator" and attempt to develop background information concerning the editors and writers of this black publication.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-10650) (C)

DATE: 12/8/72

FROM : SUPV. L. C. BUTEAU

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT GROUPS
ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES
EM

Cases listed herein were reviewed by the Inspector during the recent inspection of the Jackson Office, at which time he instructed that these cases be closed since these cases should not be opened and investigated without prior Bureau authority under the new guidelines.

Accordingly, these cases are being closed administratively.

However, the above closing should not eliminate the responsibility of following the activities of these groups through appropriate sources and informants in order to insure that we are aware of any planned extremist activities or anticipated violence. You are all being reminded of our responsibility to keep the Bureau, other Federal agencies, and local authorities apprised of any potential violence on the campuses.

No active investigation should be conducted as regards the Black Student Union and/or similar campus groups without prior Bureau authority.

1 - 157-10650
1 - 157-10585
1 - 157-10738
1 - 157-10768

LCB/jsk
(4)



5010-108-01

157-10738-33

SEARCHED	INDEXED
SERIALIZED	FILED
DEC 8 1972	
FBI-JACKSON	
Cotter	for

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan